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SUBJ: REPORTED RESEARCH PROJECT AT BLACK S.A. UNIVERSITIES

1. AUGUST 4 DURBAN DAILY NEWS REPORTED THAT A CERTAIN DR. JOHN O. HOPKINS, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITYN WOULD BE VISITING ZULULAND UNIVERSITY IN SEPTEMBER FOR A MONTH TO PREPARE FOR A THREE YEAR STUDY OF "INTERRACIAL AND MULTI-NATIONAL COOPERATION AND CONFLICT IN SOUTH AFRICA". ARTICLE SAID STUDY, CALLED THE SOUTH AFRICAN RESEARCH PROJECT (SARP) WOULD ANALYZE SOUTH AFRICAN ECONOMIC,EDUCATION, CIVIL, AND CRIMINAL LAW, AND ETHICAL-RELIGIOUS LIFE. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, HOPKINS WOULD SPEND EIGHT MONTHS AT ZULULAND WITH TWO GRADUATE ASSISTANTS. THEY WOULD THEN APPARENTLY MOVE ON TO UNIVERSITY OF THE NORTH. ARTICLE DID NOT SAY WHAT BODY OR GROUP WAS ORGANIZING OR FINANCING STUDY.

2. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE HOPKINS IS FIRST BLACK SCHOLAR EVER GRANTED A VISA BY S.A. FOR EXTENSIVE STUDIES IN THESE AREAS. HOPKINS WAS QUOTED AS SAYING SARP "IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS AN ORIGINAL AND RESPONSIBLE BLACK-INSPIRED EFFORT TO ASSIST, POSITIVELY AND NON-VIOLENTLY, A DISINTEGRATING SOCIO-CULTURAL UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMUNITY WHERE MANY BELIEVE THAT WAR AND VIOLENCE ARE ALL BUT INEVITABLE. THE PROJECT IS AN ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC POLICY MAKERS BY PROVIDING THEM WITH A SCHOLARLY, POLITICALLY UNBIASED ANALYSIS OF THESE FOUR CRUCIAL SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEMS".

3. CONGEN OFFICER VISITING ZULULAND UNIVERSITY AUGUST 19-20 WAS TOLD BY UNIVERSITY THAT THEY HAD NEVER HEARD OF HOPKINS

OR PROJECT AND HAD MADE NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS ARRIVAL.

4. DAILY NEWS REPORTER WHO WROTE STORY SAID PAPER RECEIVED
A PRESS RELEASE FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCING PROJECT.
HE SAID RELEASE DID NOT MENTION WHO WAS SPONSORING OR
FUNDING IT.

5. CONGEN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES HAVE
ABOUT HOPKINS AND SARP, ESPECIALLY PROJECT'S FUNDING.
LEGITIMACY, SCOPE, U.S. INTEREST, ETC.FARBER

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